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2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

The incumbent in my district does not represent the people in the district or the state. I am a proactive critical thinker and I want to be part of solutions for issues and concerns in Kansas. We are over taxed and have very little input regarding taxation or about how our taxes are used.

2) If you had the opportunity, what is the first bill you would like to submit in the 2011 session and why?

Change in charter school law - Our children and youth are not receiving an adequate education to be prepared for the global economy they will face. Healthy competition gained through school choice will help facilitate their entry and skill.

3) Do you support or oppose legislation that would allow for tax increases to be enacted only by a legislative supermajority or referendum? (i.e. either 3/5 or 2/3 vote of legislature for approval of a tax increase)

a. support

b. oppose

Why? Swing votes do not represent a true majority of the people.

4) When state revenues are less than state expenditures, which statement most accurately reflects your first priority?

- Maintain current expenditures and raise taxes.
- Both cut spending and raise taxes.
- Cut more than 15% before considering a tax increase.
- Do not raise taxes and cut spending.

If you would cut spending, are there any specific areas you would cut? Why?

Entitlements; possibly education. Entitlement programs with no criteria or provision for exiting or limiting use and that lead to easy abuse. Educational institutions should develop and implement accountability for and transparency in use of funds and not look for continual increase.

If you were to raise taxes, what specific taxes you would raise and why?

I cannot specify particular areas for which to raise taxes without considering what would be the least-invasive of individual rights.

5) What do you believe to be the most important issues facing the Kansas Legislature in the upcoming session? (Please rank 1-5, 1 being the most important)

- 1 Budget deficits
- 2 Health care reform
- 3 Stable and consistent regulation
- 4 Education funding formula and reporting consistency/uniformity
- 5 _____

6) Many Cities, Counties and State agencies use tax dollars to hire lobbyists to lobby the Kansas Legislature. Do you believe this is a proper use of tax dollars and should such expenditures be disclosed to Kansas taxpayers? Why or why not?

I do not believe this is proper use of tax dollars. Transparency in tax dollar expenditures will increase voter confidence in government.

- 7) How do you believe Kansas Supreme Court Justices should be selected?

I believe Kansas Supreme Court Justices should be selected/nominated by a group representing a cross-section of business/legal/public entities and should include a legislative confirmation

- 8) If the rate of inflation (consumer price index), plus population growth in Kansas grew at 4%, what do you believe would be the appropriate percentage increase in state budget expenditures? Why?

I cannot answer this question without further research

- 9) Kansas economic growth has been lagging behind our neighboring states and annual population growth is stagnant at an average increase of less than one-half of one percent per year. As a legislator, how would you address these problems?

I would look to identify a way to attract businesses and new residents to the state by possibly reducing/eliminating personal income taxes and revisiting corporate tax structure. More people + more businesses = higher revenue.

- 10) The 2010 Legislature increased the state sales tax from 5.3% to 6.3% in part, to help fund a FY 2011 state general fund budget that increases spending by \$204 million over FY 2010. Once implemented, Kansas will have the largest sales tax amongst neighboring states. (Nebraska is next closest at 5.5%). Considering 33% of our population resides in a county bordering Missouri alone, do you support the decision of the Legislature?

I do not support this decision. I believe that Kansas should live within its means and operate on a balanced budget. We should cut spending rather than raise taxes.

- 11) Do you have any other positions or information that would be of interest to the members of AFP-Kansas?